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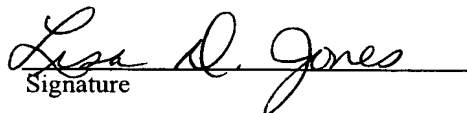
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the subject application and in response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2005, issued in connection with the above-identified application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.